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U.S. FARM POLICY HIT  
IN MIDDLE EAST ROWState Department Scored By  
By Whitten

## COTTON ROLE OUTLINED

From The Commercial Appeal  
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WASHINGTON, Oct. 5.—Representative Jamie L. Whitten (D., Miss.) charged Wednesday that State Department agricultural policies have contributed to Arab-Israeli tensions in the Middle East.

He declared State Department policies have encouraged Egypt to produce cotton that the Arab nation now proposes to trade for communist arms.

The arms would strengthen the Arab states and threaten a renewal of fighting in the tension-racked Middle East, he asserted.

## Cites Cotton Role

He said the United States has withheld its Government-owned cotton from world markets. As a result, he said the world price "umbrella" has been preserved, and rapid expansion of cotton production in Egypt and other countries has been encouraged.

Egyptian cotton acreage has increased 34 per cent since 1950, a recent Senate study showed.

Representative Whitten said this has set the stage for the cotton-for-arms trade with communist Czechoslovakia.

He said the United States should offer its stocks of Government-owned cotton on world markets at competitive prices. The losses suffered, he said, would be less than storage charges for an indefinite period.

And most important, he said, the program would push back production in other countries to normal levels.

## Conference Urged

He also urged the State Department to call an international conference on surplus commodities.

"We should insist upon some

agreement on price, and also upon an arrangement that would give us our normal share of world markets," he said.

Director Allen Dulles of America's Central Intelligence Agency warned this week that the Soviet bloc may be launched upon a drive to dispose of arms to small countries to stir up trouble.

"I should not be at all surprised if we soon heard that countries in this hemisphere were being approached," the CIA chief said.

Representative Whitten said the drive may involve additional offers to barter arms for cotton and other farm commodities.

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